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Reference: FCC Docket Nos 96-45, 98-171, 90-571, 92-237, 99-200, 95-116, 98-170
and NSD File No. L-00-72.

Dear FCC:

I am writing to complain about the proposed changes to the Universal Service Fund and requesting that the FCC investigate this matter further before changing the current policy. Your proposed \$1.00 per month charge for all wireless phones will directly impact my ability to retain my wireless service.

I do not think it is fair to charge EVERYBODY \$1.00 dollar regardless of how they use their wireless phone, especially for a low-volume user that relies on wireless service for safety and security, not interstate calls. The current policy is fair, based on interstate usage, and should be left alone. Please do not penalize us. Keep this fair.

In hearing about this it makes me really wonder about things. Everytime we turn around someone is wanting to hit us with another fee or tax or something. It may be fine for those who make in the hundreds of thousands of dollars per year but what about us poor folks, we outnumber those others. Everytime we start to gain any ground at all something like this comes up and knocks us down, granted its not a major amount but when you are poor every dollar counts. This is supposed to be land of the free and the home of the brave but at times it seems more like the land of the taxed to death and the home of the money takers. Look at what the few days shut down that the airlines had to do after Sept. 11 did for them and they are big time companies, that is similar to what those of us in the lower income class see everyday with for example the price of gas.

I love our country and our freedom but aren't we paying enough? Speaking for myself and I'm sure many others feel the same way, I think it should be left alone.

thank you for your time in reading this.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Please provide a written response indicating the status/resolution of this matter.

Very truly yours,

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CC: FCC Subcommittee Members